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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC-NINE "FOLLOW-ON" PAPER

REF: USNATO 698

1. TICKELL ASKED EMBASSY OFFICER TO CALL TODAY (FEB.11)
TO HEAR RUN-DOWN ON EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS'
DISCUSSION IN BONN ON CSCE FOLLOW-ON PAPER OF EC NINE.
ALTHOUGH HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD SUBSTANTIVELY TO REPORT IN
REFTEL, TICKELL VOLUNTEERED THAT FRENCH REP (ARNAUD) HAD
HELD OUT AGAINST GERMANS AND BRITISH WHO ARGUED HARD
THAT EC NINE DRAFT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHER NATO ALLIES
FOR COMMENT IN ADVANCE OF EC NINE MINISTERIAL DECISION.
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TICKELL CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH WERE SENSITIVE

TO CREATION OF SITUATION WHERE US WOULD BE CONFRONTED
WITH FIRM DECISIONS OF EC NINE.

2. TICKELL SAID THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPANY FOREIGN
SECRETARY TO FEB.15 EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING,
AND, LIKE FRG REP AT SPC OF FEB.8, SAID BRITISH WOULD
WELCOME ANY COMMENTS US HAD ON EC NINE PAPER, THE
ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF WHICH ARE EMBODIED IN TALKING
POINTS FROM WHICH FRG REP READ. IF HE RECEIVED US
COMMENTS QUICKLY HE WOULD INCORPORATE THEM OR AT LEAST
TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEM IN BRIEFING PAPER HE WAS PREPARING
FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY. TICKELL ADDED THAT IT WAS BY NO
MEANS CERTAIN THAT EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD TAKE
DEFINITIVE ACTION ON EC NINE PAPER AT FEB.15 MEETING;
MINISTERS MIGHT REMAND IT TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOR
FURTHER STUDY.

3. TICKELL WAS CRITICAL OF ACTIONS OF POL DIRECTORS,
PARTICULARLY IN THEIR ATTEMPTS AT "BACK-SEAT DRIVING",
E.G., CONTESTING COMPROMISE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA BY
WESTERN REPS ON BASKET III DRAFTING. TICKELL COMMENTED
WRYLY THAT THE EC NINE POLITICAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM
SEEMED TO HIM TO BE IN STATE OF SOME CONFUSION.

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